

**Exhibit 8:**

Acknowledgment of Western Values Project's  
February 5, 2018 BLM FOIA Request (Feb. 8, 2018)



Chris Saeger <csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org>

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## FOIA 2018-00442

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**FOIA, BLM\_WO** <blm\_wo\_foia@blm.gov>  
To: csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org

Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 1:10 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Saeger,

Our FOIA office received your FOIA request, dated February 5, 2018. We have assigned it control number 2018-00442. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

In your request you asked for the following:

"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to and copies of all records and all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following list of officials since June 5, 2017, relating to DOI and/or BLM processes for employees, appointees, contractors, and/or vendors selected to categorize and/or analyze the public comments received in response to Secretarial Order 3353, posted October 11, 2017."<sup>[1]</sup>

This search should include, but not be limited to, the following DOI officials:

- Secretary Ryan Zinke
- Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt
- James Cason
- Kathleen Benedetto
- John Ruhs
- Casey Hammond
- Gregory Sheehan
- Anne Kinsinger
- Cynthia Moses-Nedd
- Timothy Williams
- Amanda Kaster
- Vincent DeVito
- Michael Nedd
- Brian Steed
- Tim Spisak
- Casey Hammond
- Cally Younger
- Any member of the "Sage Grouse Review Team" not otherwise listed

To clarify, I am not requesting copies of the public comments themselves. I am only requesting documents outlining their analysis and categorization by BLM.

"All records" should include, but not be limited to notices, guidance, notes, instructions, and memorandums created by any DOI or BLM staff member or appointee regarding this issue. "All correspondence" should include, but not be limited to, emails, letters, texts, copies of digital and hardcopy information sent by, sent to, carbon copying ("CC"), or blind carbon copying ("BCC") any staff member within the Office of the Secretary during this time period."

We have received your fee waiver request and it will be processed accordingly. In the interim, we have classified you as an "other" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.49(a)(1).

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This request falls into the **Complex** track.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [BLM\\_WO\\_FOIA@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov) or 202-912-7650. Thank you for your interest in public lands and in programs and activities of the BLM.



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